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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

December 2012

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### SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, SELS

In the library or at home this is a time when we begin to assess the past year – possibly as a part of sending out holiday greetings, or putting together annual reports, or compiling statistics for the public library survey, or finishing up a semester at school. The Nebraska Library Association is also gearing up for Library Advocacy Day on January 30<sup>th</sup> providing all types of librarians the opportunity to highlight services to the Nebraska Legislature and Senators. So, it's a great time to think about presenting information on the value of library services to your constituents and funders.

In the latest newsletter from Crete Public Library, Lisa Olivigni, outlined library services in a creative manner that captured my attention:

*How many librarians does it take...?*

*To help 70,001 patrons with a variety of information requests*

*To check out 81,675 items to 4,912 patrons*

*To process 3,966 new books, DVD, audio CDs, and magazines*

*To create fun and engaging programs for 6,350 young patrons*

*To offer weekly programs and book delivery for 2,657 senior patrons*

*To provide 8,149 community members with Internet access*

*To make 1,503 eBooks and audios available to patrons of all ages*

*During Fiscal year 2011-2012, it took seven librarians to happily serve the Crete community; three part-time and four full-time. First, there is funding from you, the taxpayers, via city government. Next, there is the Library Board that sets policy and goals regarding the Library's role in the community. And after that, there are the Friends of the Crete Public Library who provide funding for children's programs and other resources. (Source: √ It Out, Crete Public Library Newsletter, December 2012)*

Nebraska Library Commission's 2013-15 budget request includes additional funding for 3 areas:

Funding to public libraries for eBooks and eAudios – EReading is now mainstream and the opportunity to borrow from the library and get how-to help in using personal eReaders, tablets and handheld devices is a library service deserving of support. NLC's **Nebraska eReads** funding request of \$925,000 amounts to about 50 cents per capita and could provide a needed financial boost for local budgets. Nebraska eReads is a direct benefit to all residents of the state and we want all Nebraskans to be readers, no matter the format!



Happy Holidays!



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Library  
System on  
Facebook!



## Southeast Library System Front Porch Award Application

The Front Porch Award is presented to a library (academic, institutional, public or school) that displays ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their facility. This award and \$100 will be presented during National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013. Non-accredited libraries are welcome to apply.

### Enclose the following with your nomination:

Name of Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual submitting the application: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- In 250 words or less, state why the library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs developed for the library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows the library deserves this award.

Nominations must be submitted to:

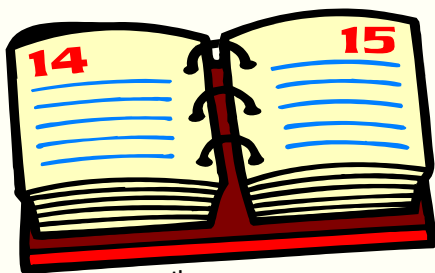
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**Application deadline is March 1, 2013**



# CALENDAR

## December 2012

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting at 10 a.m. at Union College

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Friends Private Showing of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. See page 5.

**January 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills: The Community and the Library. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting November 30<sup>th</sup> and ending December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Dvoracek Memorial Library in Wilber. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. and we'll be talking about personnel policies with a policy template and recording with Susan Sapp – attorney at Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather. If you've got board members that would like to be a part of the discussion – they're welcome as always. We'll also have the round robin where you can share questions, ideas and happenings with your colleagues. On the table for this month's book talks is to select a book by an author with a January birthday, or a biography about an author with a January birthday such as Asimov, Tolkien, London, Milne. Please let SELS know if you plan on attending.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>– 29<sup>th</sup>**—ALA Midwinter in Seattle

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills: Library Services to Children & Youth. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting December 28<sup>th</sup> and ending January 25<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCALENDAR.aspx>.

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**—Nebraska Library Association Advocacy Day in Lincoln

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Digital Learning Day ([www.digitallearningday.org](http://www.digitallearningday.org)) to celebrate innovative teaching practices that make learning more personalized and engaging and encouraging exploration of how digital learning can provide more students with more opportunities to get the skills they need to succeed in college, career and life. The website includes ways to participate for school and public libraries, as well as toolkits, contests, webinars and more.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL meeting at Tecumseh Public Library – The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and we'll be viewing the Techsoup for libraries webinar - *Mobile Technology Training: Tech-a-la-Carte* for information on a project taking technology training out of the library and into the community in a very personal way. We'll also have the round robin conversation for sharing ideas, questions and happenings with your colleagues. Book talk topic for the month is to choose a National Book Award winner or finalist – maybe from 2011 or a previous year to make sure you find one on the shelf. You can choose from any of the genres. Find a list on the National Book Foundation website: [www.nationalbook.org/nba2012.html](http://www.nationalbook.org/nba2012.html). Please let the SELS office know if you plan on attending.

**February 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Nebraska State Reading Conference in Kearney. For more information go to: [www.nereads.org](http://www.nereads.org). You can find all the conference details on the website – including speakers and authors that will be presenting.

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Basic Skills: Organization of Materials. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting January 18<sup>th</sup> and ending February 15<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCALENDAR.aspx>.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** – Teen Tech Week – <http://teentechweek.ning.com>. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, and videogames. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to use libraries' nonprint resources for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Find event and activity ideas, publicity and TTW products for sale on the website.



By Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

## CASTL Wrap-up

The November 8<sup>th</sup> CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Libraries) meeting was held at the Beatrice Public Library. We had the opportunity to view the Webjunction webinar – ***Librarians are Wikipedians Too***, with Max Klein, Wikipedian in Residence at OCLC Research.

Klein talked about the increasing use of Wikipedia, often as a good place to begin research. Discussion included the common goals shared between libraries and Wikipedia – such as free accessibility to information and authoritative sources. The webinar included tips for using Wikipedia and finding details concerning quality and source(s) of information for articles.

The following are a sampling of the information shared:

- Wikipedia is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest website and only nonprofit of top 100 websites. It has greater than 500,000,000 monthly views and no user surveillance.



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- December 6<sup>th</sup>—Syracuse
- January 11<sup>th</sup>—Wilber
- February 14<sup>th</sup>—Tecumseh
- March 15<sup>th</sup>—Fairbury
- April 12<sup>th</sup>—Falls City
- May 31<sup>st</sup> (June meeting) – Seward (Golden Sower)

- Library & Wikipedia similarities: sense of *community*, *quality* – 94.2% of Wikipedia content contain at least one citation – print and web citations are about equal.
- Wikipedia Mission: *Imagine a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge. That's our commitment.*
- Research Flow of the Future: Question → Web Search → Wikipedia → Library (Digital & Physical) Sources are most valuable parts of information: which could be a link back to the library.
- A Wikipedia article includes a second **Talk Page** – where you can find ratings by quality and importance; also the ability to View **History**; User **Pages** with a profile; and **Page Views** to see use of article over time and **Page Ratings** (Quality & Importance) in Toolbox links.
- Wikipedia Five Pillars:
  - Encyclopedia
  - Neutral Point of View
  - Free Content
  - Civility
  - No Firm Rules (excluding 5 pillars)
- Information editing and contribution has to line up with what Wikipedia has defined as reliable sources. This has resulted in some interesting dialogue with authoritative resources when their Wikipedia contributions don't align with definitions of what Wikipedia considers a reliable source.

This webinar is an example of one of the many opportunities to participate in continuing education programs available online. *Librarians are Wikipedians Too* – was recorded on August 2, 2012 and can be found at this link: [www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/Librarians\\_are\\_Wikipedians\\_Too.html](http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/Librarians_are_Wikipedians_Too.html)

# CASTL Wrap Up



## AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

A private showing of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* is scheduled for December 15 at the Marcus Edgewood Cinema in Lincoln (see below). Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the movie will begin at 9:00. If you are a SELS Friends member and make your reservations by **Dec. 7** your admission price is \$7.50 and you can bring along as many guests as you want at that same price! Non-member price with advance reservation is \$10 a person. If you are not sure of your membership status you can check it at <http://selsfriends.org/members.html>. At-the-door admission is \$12 for everyone. Door prizes will be



available and the theater will offer a popcorn/soda special for us as well. Popcorn and hobbits – what a great combination!

The bookfair on Black Friday seemed to go very well. A lot of gifts were wrapped and \$32 in donations was made. We will find out soon what

Barnes & Noble will contribute as our percentage of sales. Thanks again to everyone who shopped that day or online during the following days.

A perfect stocking stuffer is an iron-on patch that supports both libraries and football! A few remain for sale for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Cookbooks remain for sale as well - contact us at [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org) if you would like to make a purchase.

Thanks to all who support the Southeast Library System and happy holidays from the SELS Friends!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF 'THE LORD OF THE RINGS' TRILOGY

**Private  
Movie Showing**

**THE HOBBIT**  
AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

**Saturday, Dec. 15**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
(doors open at 8:30)

**Edgewood Theater**  
5220 South 56th Street  
Lincoln, NE

**Reserve your seat by Dec. 7 and SAVE!**

\$7.50 for SELS Friends members/guests  
\$10.00 for non-SELS Friends members  
\$12.00 at the door

All admissions will be paid for at the door.  
To reserve a seat in advance, email [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org)  
Visit [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org) for information about the SELS Friends.

**SELS Friends**

A Fundraiser for the Southeast Library System Friends

WWW.THEHOBBIT.COM



# News Around the System

## Library Creates Holiday StoryWalk

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Last summer bikers, walkers, runners, skaters and even stroller passengers were able to read a story as they traveled along Seward's Plum Creek Trail during July. When the Seward community launched their annual Christmas Festival on November 24, Seward Memorial Library added another feature to the festivities. The StoryWalk® returned with two new stories as well as a circular route. During the holidays 33 businesses and City Hall partnered with the library to display pages from two different

picture books. Children and their families can read *First Snow* by Bernette Ford as they leave the library and walk around the Courthouse square. When they head back to the library they can enjoy Nancy Van Laan's *When Winter Comes*. A StoryWalk® by definition consists of pages from books posted at stations along a route and combines physical activity with literacy, but in Seward young readers can also receive a dose of the holiday spirit as they window shop and read in the downtown area.

## Time to Head Home After the Movie

From Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Memorial Library

50 area children and youth attended the Palmyra Memorial Library Movie Night. Dressed in pj's and sitting on their favorite blankets, they enjoyed the movie, snacks and the opportunity to check out the new books the library received from the Libri Foundation Grant.



## An Afternoon With a Local Artist



From  
Glenda  
Willnerd

by a family friend that had these marvelous paintings and the realization that she could take a blank canvas and bring it to life."

Lincoln has won numerous awards including the All Nebraska Artist Gold Medal. She is a member of the Lincoln Arts Council.



Palmyra Memorial Library hosted "An Afternoon With a Local Artist" on Sunday, December 2, 2012. Local Palmyra artist, Nancy Lincoln, turned the library into a virtual art gallery with pictures of her artwork.

Her art journey began when she was young. She said "she was captivated



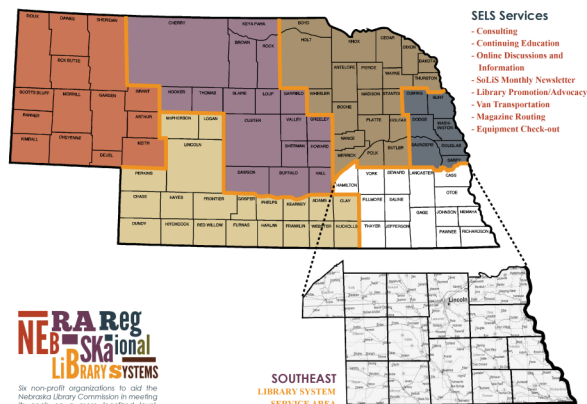
## SELS Open House

By William Bragg

Some say there is a time for everything. Others say that everything comes in time. Despite the eternal optimism ringing behind these phrases, there were few who would apply them to the possibility of Brenda tidying her office. In a feat similar to Neil Armstrong's historic first steps on the University of Cincinnati campus to teach aerospace engineering, humankind achieved the impossible. And, with yet another stroke of luck on top of that, the impossible was achieved in time for the SELS Open House.



Crowded were the offices of Southeast Library System on the evening of November 16. A great number of people stopped by and checked out the renovations. Unfortunately, that great number of people consisted mostly of mediocre individuals.



Obviously, this is said in jest. We are gracious to all who could join us for the evening. Officially, the new paint and carpet were unveiled, as well as some great artwork. All were impressed by the improvements to the office. Thanks to Kent Munster, we were also able to showcase a new graphic illustrating Southeast Library System's purpose as well as our relationship to the rest of the state (pictured above). Wine and food was served.

A big thanks to the SELS Promotions Committee who organized the event!



## Our Librarian, Wanda Marget, On "Our Town"

By William Bragg

The Pure Nebraska segment "Our Town" featured a great piece on Fairmont's Fillmore County Museum. Wanda Marget shows off the impres-

sive collection of artifacts that the museum houses in a segment that can be found in the November 20th episode. A link is available through the Fairmont website <http://www.ci.fairmont.ne.us/library.asp>.



# Awards Season

## 2012 Nebraska Book Award Winners

\*Anthology: *Aspects of Robinson: Homage to Wel-don Kees*.

\* Anthology Honor: *Women on the North American Plains*.

\* Cover/Design/Illustration: *First Telegraph Line across the Continent: Charles Brown's 1861 Diary*.

\* Cover/Design/Illustration Honor: *Flushed During Play: 51 Pet Rodent Death*.

\* Fiction: *To Be Sung Underwater*, by Tom McNeal.

\* Non-Fiction Biography: *Rattlesnake Daddy: A Son's Search For His Father*, by Brent Spencer

\* Nonfiction History: *The Rhythm Boys of Omaha Central: High School Basketball at the '68 Racial Divide*, by Steve Marantz.

\* Non-Fiction Nebraska as Place: *Portraits of the Prairie: The Land That Inspired Willa Cather*, by Richard Schilling.

\* Nonfiction Reference: *Field Guide to Wildflowers of Nebraska and the Great Plains*, by Jon Farrar.

\* Poetry: *Dirt Songs: A Plains Duet*, by Twyla M. Hansen and Linda M. Hasselstrom

An awards presentation ceremony for the Nebraska Center for the Book's Celebration of Nebraska Books was held on November 3, 2012, at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History in downtown Lincoln. Winners of the 2012 Nebraska Book Awards were honored and the celebration included readings and signings by some of the winning authors.

## 2012 National Book Awards

([www.nationalbook.org/nba2012.html](http://www.nationalbook.org/nba2012.html))

**Fiction Winner:** Louise Erdrich – *The Round House*

Fiction Finalists: Junot Diaz – *This Is How You Lose Her*; Dave Eggers – *A Hologram for the King*; Ben Fountain – *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*; Kevin Powers – *The Yellow Birds*

**Nonfiction Winner:** Katherine Boo – *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*

Nonfiction finalists: Anne Applebaum – *Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe*; Robert A. Caro – *The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson*; Domingo Martinez – *The Boy Kings of Texas*; Anthony Shadid – *House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family and a Lost Middle East*

**Poetry Winner:** David Ferry – *Bewilderment: New Poems and Translations*

Poetry finalists: Cynthia Huntington – *Heavenly Bodies*; Tim Seibles – *Fast Animal*; Alan Shapiro – *Night of the Republic*; Susan Wheeler – *Meme*

**Young Peoples Literature Winner:** William Alexander – *Goblin Secrets*

Young Peoples Literature finalists: Carrie Arcos – *Out of Reach*; Patricia McCormick – *Never Fall Down*; Eliot Schrefer – *Endangered*; Steve Sheinkin – *Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*

## Nebraska Library Association Awards 2012

There are many awards given out each year by the Nebraska Library Association and the sections and round tables. Congratulations to award winners from 2012:

\*Golden Sower Awards

Primary – Dewey: *There's a Cat in the Library* by Vicki Myron & Bret Witter

Intermediate – *Closed for the Season* by Mary Downing Hahn

Young Adult – *The Compound* by Stephanie A. Bodeen

\*Meritorious Service Award – Tracy Bicknell-Holmes (UNL)

\*Mari Sandoz Award – Joe Starita (author of - *I Am A Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice*)

\*PLTS Excalibur – Pam Bohmfalk (Hastings Public Library)

\*PLTS Advocacy Award – Mike Teetor (Kilgore Memorial Library Board – York)

\*C&U Distinguished Service – Marie Reidelbach (McGoogan Library of Medicine, UNMC)

\*Paraprofessional of the Year – Terri Johnson (North Platte Public Library)

\*SCYP Mad Hatter Award – Laura Pietsch (OPL)

\*New Members Mentor of the Year – David Mixdorf (South Sioux City Public Library)

\*Beginning Professional – Odessa Meyer (South Sioux City Public Library)

\*Mountain Plain Library Association Literary Contribution Award – Jean Lukesh (Nebraska author and former school librarian and teacher)

(sowings continued)

**Nebraska Regional Library Systems** – Systems offer essential support for librarians, staff and trustees through continuing education and consultation in partnership with Nebraska Library Commission. Contracts for Systems are less than the amount contracted 15 years ago. NLC's budget request includes an additional \$15,000 for each of the 6 System offices over 2 years. Nebraska Regional Library Systems are a way to connect with library staff and supporters across the state in an effort to provide quality library service no matter where you live.

**NebraskAccess** (<http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov/>) – NebraskAccess provides Nebraska residents with 24/7 access to online magazines, newspaper articles, biographical and business information, genealogical resources and more. NLC's budget request includes \$25,461 to price increase of current online subscriptions and \$141,085 to provide public and private schools with access to eLibrary or a collection of online materials. The availability and convenience of resources online provides Nebraskans with the ability to find quality information for medical, educational, employment, consumer and entertainment needs – we want all Nebraskans connected to the best wisdom possible.

In reviewing the past year, think about how you might share library stories and information from your community with your senator to support these aspects of the NLC Budget Request.

NLA Advocacy Day is January 30<sup>th</sup> – with a theme of “*Libraries: Your Community Connection*”. February 15<sup>th</sup> is the date public library surveys are due and annual reports to city council or village boards on or before the second Monday in February (Nebraska Statute 51-213).

Libraries of all types have wonderful stories and compelling statistics to share of the good work you all provide and the critical service given to your communities. We want to make certain that entities that have the ability to provide needed financial support are also familiar with the quality investment that comes from sustaining contributions to library services and programs.



# News & Notes



## ALA and eBooks

The American Library Association (ALA) released an E-book Media & Communications Toolkit ([www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/ebooktoolkit](http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/ebooktoolkit)) the end of November. It's intended to assist librarians and trustees in advocating for fair eBook lending practices. The toolkit was developed by the ALA's Digital Content and Libraries Working Group (DCWG) and includes op-ed and press release templates, talking points, eBook data and public service announcement scripts. The DCWG is made up of 27 ALA members from various types of libraries and has also developed other resources including: Ebook Business Models for Public Libraries report ([www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/e-content/ala-releases-ebook-business-models-public-libraries](http://www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/e-content/ala-releases-ebook-business-models-public-libraries)); a digital rights management Tip Sheet ([www.districtdispatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/drm\\_tip\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.districtdispatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/drm_tip_sheet.pdf)); and an E-Content supplement (<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/archives/issue/e-content-digital-supplement-mayjune-2012>) to American Libraries magazine.

Nebraska is included in a list of 47 state and regional chapters of the American Library Association that have signed a joint Statement in opposition to the practices of publishers and distributors that have established unfair pricing in the sale of eBooks to libraries. It's expected a few more ALA chapters will join in the next few weeks and the document was designed as a way to express the collective grassroots concerns on eBook pricing that libraries and their patrons across the country share. <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/inside-scoop/ala-chapters-issue-joint-statement-e-content-pricing>

I loved this list of **January Display Ideas** from Denise Harders, Republican Valley Library System:

Everybody plans to get organized in January. Here are 10 different displays you can prepare now to be ready for the first of the year:

**Z Day (January 1)** - This day gives recognition to all persons and places whose names start with Z and are always last on alphabetical lists. Display books by "Z" authors in the adult area and books about zoos and zebras in the children's room.

**Isaac Asimov's Birthday (January 2, 1920)** - This prolific author wrote about a variety of topics. You will find a lot of his titles in the Science Fiction area. Prepare a list of his lesser-known

works for his fans.

**125th Anniversary of the Drinking Straw (January 3, 1888)** - Gather different drinking straws--paper, plastic, twisty, etc.--and display them with books about inventions.

**J.R.R. Tolkien's Birthday (January 3, 1892)** - With the movie *The Hobbit* being released over the holidays, there is sure to be interest in Tolkien's books.

**Elvis Presley's Birthday (January 8, 1935)** - Make this a multi-media display with books, DVDs, and music CDs.

**Jack London's Birthday (January 12, 1876)** - This well-known author wrote more than 50 books. Many are set in the winter-y north...perfect for January display.

**First Super Bowl (January 15, 1967)** - Are you ready for some football?!? Your customers will be. In the very first Super Bowl, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10. The Packers' Quarterback, Bart Starr, was named the MVP. Display a football, helmets, stadium blankets... anything with NFL logos, along with books about football teams and biographies of famous players.

**Pooh Day, A.A. Milne's Birthday (January 18, 1882)** - Display the stuffed version of Pooh and his friends with the classic books.

**National Pie Day (January 23)** - This is the perfect opportunity for a fundraiser for your Friends group. Bake up an assortment of pies and charge a flat fee for a small plate and a fork. Patrons can eat all the pie that will fit on the plate for the price of admission. Or you can highlight your dessert cookbooks by displaying them with an apron, pie tins, and a rolling pin.

**Founding of the National Geographic Society (January 27, 1888)** - 125th Anniversary - Create a colorful display with books, magazines, and DVDs published by this venerable institution.

**BONUS Display Idea: January 7 is the 75th birthday of singer Paul Revere (from Paul Revere and the Raiders).** He was born in 1938 in the Republican Valley Library System (Harvard, Nebraska).

**Library Volunteer Recognition.** Now is the time to nominate your volunteer(s) for their outstanding service to your library! The volunteers will be recognized on NLA Advocacy Day, Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln and on the floor of the Nebraska Legislature.

Email your nominating letter by **November 28** to Francine Canfield, NLA Advocacy Chair, at: [fcanfield@cityofalston.com](mailto:fcanfield@cityofalston.com)!

The volunteers and their senators will be notified shortly thereafter, so they can all plan to be in Lincoln on January 30!

## Young Readers Invited to Enter Letters about Literature Contest

Young readers in grades 4 – 10 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for **Letters about Literature (LAL)**, a national reading and writing promotion program. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre—fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic—explaining how that author's work changed the student's view of the world. This reading and writing promotion is sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership the Nebraska Center for the Book and Nebraska Library Commission, and locally supported by Houchen Bindery Ltd.

LAL awards prizes on both the state and national levels. The Nebraska Center for the Book has a panel of judges who select the top letter writers in the state. Nebraska winners will be honored in a proclamation-signing ceremony at the state capitol during National Library Week in April 2013. Nebraska winners will receive state prizes, and then advance to the national judging.

A panel of national judges for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will select one National Winner per competition level (Level I for grades 4-6, Level II for grades 7-8, and Level III for grades 9-10) to receive a \$1,000 cash award. The judges will also select one second place winner on each competition level to receive a \$150 cash award, to be announced in May 2013.

Teachers, librarians, and parents can download free teaching materials on reader response and reflective writing at: [www.lettersaboutliterature.org/](http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org/). Submissions must be postmarked **by January 11, 2013**. State winners will be notified in March 2013 and national winners by mid-April. Nebraska-specific information (including letters from Nebraska winners of past contests) is available at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>.



## Library & Information Services

### Online Course Offerings

Spring 2013

January 7, 2013 – May 2, 2013

#### ***LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services***

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

This course, the first in the Library and Information Services curriculum provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- History of libraries
- Types of libraries
- Use of Information databases
- Technology considerations
- Library policies

For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at [mmagee@unmc.edu](mailto:mmagee@unmc.edu)

#### ***LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies***

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

This course will provide students with an understanding of managing collections in libraries and information agencies, including:

- Basics of Collection Management (terminology, models)
- 21st Century Literacies
- Community Analysis
- Selection (All resources, for all age levels)
- Acquisition
- Collection Analysis
- Deselection/Weeding
- Intellectual Freedom
- Copyright

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.

For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at [pbirch@esu16.org](mailto:pbirch@esu16.org)

#### ***LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum***

*Erica Rose, Instructor*

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at [erose@cccneb.edu](mailto:erose@cccneb.edu)

For information on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarships, see: Nebraska Library Commission website at: <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: Dee Johnson  
[djohnson@cccneb.edu](mailto:djohnson@cccneb.edu), 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780 ext. 1418

Kathy Tooker will be retiring as the Executive Director of Eastern Library System on December 31<sup>st</sup> after 22 years.

Nancy Meyer is also retiring after 24 years as the Administrative Assistant.



Southeast Library Staff and board have had the privilege of working with these talented and dedicated individuals and will miss their contributions. We've had the opportunity to collaborate on several annual events – including the Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp and the Spring and Fall Colloquiums. Brenda will miss the weekly opportunity to brainstorm ideas with Kathy, and the most excellent travel companion to library conference and events. Both Kathy and Nancy never failed to make themselves available for questions and help with SELS projects and process while consistently providing an added layer of fun to any endeavor...

– okay – finally, best wishes and, please, always keep in touch.

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## Nebraska Library Association Elections 2012

Our congratulations and thanks for service to the newly elected officers of NLA!

NLA Vice-President/President Elect - Robin Clark  
 NLA Secretary - Rose Barcal  
 MPLA Representative - Jake Rundle  
 C&U Vice Chair/Chair-Elect - Jon Ritterbush  
 Paraprofessionals Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Jennifer Sorenson  
 Paraprofessionals Treasurer - Aimee Owen  
 PLTS Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Evonne Edgington  
 PLTS Treasurer/Secretary - Amy Greenland  
 SCYP Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Michelle Bullock

ITART Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Lisa Voss  
 NMRT Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Matt Kovar  
 NMRT Secretary - Aimee Owen  
 TSRT Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Heather Buckwalter  
 TSRT Secretary/Treasurer - Euemduan Osmera  
 S & I Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect - Annette Parde  
 S & I Secretary - Cathy Hatterman  
 YART Chair - Rachelle McPhillips  
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*All worthy work is open to  
interpretations the author did  
not intend.*

*Art isn't your pet -- it's your kid.  
It grows up and talks back to you.*

*-Joss Whedon*

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: [www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org).) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.